

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-29 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1, 2, 3, 11, 12, 13, 19, 20, 22, 23, 24 and 26 are amended. Applicant gratefully acknowledges and thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 5-10, 15-18, 21 and 26-29 are allowed. However, for reasons as discussed below, it is believed that all the claims are allowable. Accordingly, reconsideration of the application in view of the amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Walberg and Examiner Cherubin at the interview held December 22, are appreciated. The reasons presented at the interview as warranting favorable action are incorporated into the remarks below and constitute the record of the interview.

**I. The Claims Define Patentable Subject Matter**

The Office Action rejects claims 1-4, 11-14, 19-20 and 22-25 under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) over Okayama (U.S. Patent No. 5,045,939). The rejection is respectfully traversed.

In particular, Okayama does not disclose or suggest the second generating section generates the game image data corresponding to the normal screen, from the game image data generated by the first generating section, according to a character controlled by a player in the game image data generated by the first generating section, as recited in independent claim 1, and similarly recited in independent claims 2, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22 and 23.

Okayama pertains to an apparatus for converting a wide screen television signal to a desired normal television signal (see Abstract of Okayama). Specifically, Okayama discloses that the apparatus includes an extracting unit for selectively extracting a part of a wide screen television signal corresponding to a normal screen television picture to obtain the normal television signal, a motion detecting means for detecting a motion of the picture produced by the wide television signal, and a control means for controlling the extracting means so as to extract

the part of the wide television signal according to the detection result by the motion detecting means (see col. 2, lines 18-29).

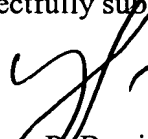
Nowhere does Okayama disclose or even suggest generating game image data according to a character controlled by a player in the game image data. Accordingly, independent claims 1, 2, 11, 12, 19, 20, 22 and 23 define patentable subject matter. Claims 3, 4, 13, 14, 24 and 25 depend from the respective independent claims, and therefore also define patentable subject matter. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(a) is respectfully requested.

## **II. Conclusion**

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-29 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned representative at the telephone number listed below.

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